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Dear FCC,

I am in receipt of the Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2000-2001 (attached). I reviewed the reasons why this Funding Request has been rejected, however the reasons explained give evidence that my appeal letter to SLD may have been misinterpreted. The first reason given by SLD states that I “indicated that no months of service were requested”, but this is not exact. My letter (also attached) states that an “**erroneous input**” of the value of 0 instead of 12 gave that incorrect result, therefore calculating as if I had requested no months of service instead of 12 months. After thorough review of the rejection letter, I cannot understand why it was rejected considering that the data that caused the rejection was corrected and sent to SLD in the manner and time frame in which the rejection letter requested.

The second reason given for rejection claims that Item 23 Column D, E, F, G, H, I of Block 5 was left blank. The missing [blank] information is explained in my first appeal letter and supportive documentation was attached, again, as the SLD rejection letter requested me to do. Please be aware that the missing information for Items 23 Column D, E, F, G, H and I was also a result of the erroneous input of 0 months instead of 12 months in the electronic 471 form.

I realize that you must receive an overwhelming amount of requests, however it has also taken me a great deal of time to complete and fulfill your requirements to receive E-Rate discounts for my district. The use of an electronic form to soften the time used in completing forms for E-Rate proved not to be worthy since a simple input error, as the one explained above, can result in using a lot more time than needed. In addition, this request is exactly as three other funding requests for telecommunications costs of the 471 Application Number 203588 that have been accepted for funding for year 2000-2001.

I would appreciate any effort in your reconsidering the decision for this funding request.

Sincerely,


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Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001

April 27, 2001

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Springfield Public Schools
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Re: Billed Entity Number: 122754
471 Application Number: 203588
Funding Request Number(s): FRN Not Assigned
Your Correspondence Dated: September 22nd, 2000

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: FRN Not Assigned
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation:

- Your appeal requests that the SLD consider your request for funding. You claim that the error came about because you indicated that no months of service were requested.
- Your request did not meet the program's minimum processing standards because Items 23 Column D, E, F, G, H, and I of Block 5 was left blank. This is a violation of the program's minimum processing standards. Therefore, we were unable to process your requests, and they were returned to you. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all required information is included on the Form 471. Unfortunately, the SLD is unable to waive the minimum processing standards. Consequently, your requests will not be data entered and consider for funding. Your appeal is denied in full.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <www.universalservice.org>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Daniela Tattoli
Springfield Public Schools
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Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: T-1 Lines Bell
Form 471 Application Number: 203588

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Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

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Dear Correspondence Unit,

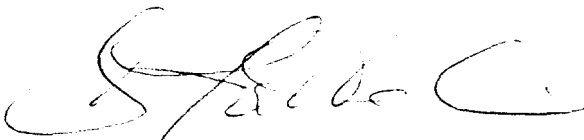
I have corrected the data as requested by you in the "Block 5 Funding Request Rejection Letter" and have attached the corrected copy of Block 5 of the rejected Funding Request to this letter.

As you will notice from the attached documentation, one of the four (4) FRNs of Form 471 Application Number 203588 has been rejected due to incomplete information in Block 5. An erroneous input of "0" in Item 23, Column D has caused an incorrect calculation and assigned \$.00 value in Item 23, Column I and J.

If you should need further information please contact:

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I look forward to hearing from you.



Daniela Tattoli
MIS Coordinator

Entity Number 15630 Contact Person Daniela Tattoli	Applicant's Form Identifier Bell Phone Number 3761025
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Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

Block 5, page 1 of 4

Instructions: Use one Block 5 page for **EACH** service (Funding Request Number) for which you are requesting discounts.
 Make as many copies of this page as necessary, and number the completed pages to assure that they are all processed correctly.

FRN # _____ **(to be assigned by administrator)**

11 Category of Service (only ONE category should be checked) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Telecommunications Service <input type="radio"/> Internet Access <input type="radio"/> Internal Connections	15 Contract Number (if available; use "T" if tariffed services, "MTM" if month-to-month services as described in Instructions) T 16 Billing Account Number (e.g., billed telephone number) DHZA973802									
12 Form 470 Application Number (15 digits) 382940000285443	17 Allowable Contract Date (mm/dd/yyyy, based on Form 470 filing) 1/18/2000									
13 SPIN - Service Provider Identification Number (9 digits) 143001362	18 Contract Award Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 19 Service Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 7/1/2000									
14 Service Provider Name Bell Atlantic	20 Contract Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)									
21 Description of This Service: You MUST attach a description of the service, including a breakdown of components and costs, plus any relevant brand names. Label this description with an Attachment #, and note number in space provided below. Attachment # <u>B-75</u>										
22 Entity/Entities Receiving This Service: a. If the service is site-specific (provided to one site and not shared by others), list the Entity Number of the entity from Block 4 receiving this service : _____ b. If the service is shared by all entities on a Block 4 worksheet, list the worksheet number (e.g., A-1): <u>A-1</u>										
23 Calculations										
Recurring Charges					One-Time Charges			Total Charges		
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
Monthly \$ charges (total amount per month for service)	How much of the \$ amount in (A) is ineligible?	Eligible monthly pre-discount amount (A minus B)	# of months service provided in program year	Annual pre-discount \$ amount for eligible recurring charges (D x C)	Annual non-recurring (one-time) \$ charges	How much of the \$ amount in (F) is ineligible?	Annual eligible pre-discount \$ amount for one-time charges (F minus G)	Total program year pre-discount \$ amount (E + H)	% discount (from Block 4 Worksheet)	Funding Commitment \$ Request (J x I)
\$ 387	\$ 0	\$ 387	12	\$4644	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$4644	40%	\$1857.6

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BLOCK 5 FUNDING REQUEST REJECTION LETTER
(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000--6/30/2001)

September 1, 2000

DANIELA TATTOLI
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
P.O. BOX 210
SPRINGFIELD, NJ 07081-0210

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: T-1 LINES BELL
Form 471 Application Number: 203588

Dear Applicant:

This letter is to notify you that one or more of your Services Ordered and Certification Form 471, Block 5 Funding Requests did not meet Minimum Processing Standards or did not comply with program rules. The Funding Requests cited below have been rejected and have not been entered into the SLD system. You may also wish to contact your Service Provider to let them know the status of this funding request.

Other funding requests that are not cited below will be processed and should not be resubmitted.

BLOCK 5 FUNDING REQUEST:

Category of Service (Block 5, Item 11):	Telecommunications Services
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) (Item 13):	143001362
Service Provider Name (Item 14):	BELL ATLANTIC
Percent Discount (Item 23, Column J):	40
Funding Commitment Request (Item 23, Column K):	\$.00
Rejection Reason:	Block 5, Item 23, Columns E, H, I and K are all blank.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING REQUEST REJECTIONS:

If you wish to appeal the Funding Request Rejection(s) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

2. Identify which Funding Request you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the applicant name and the Form 471 Application Number from this letter.
3. Identify the particular Funding Request that is the subject of your appeal. When explaining your appeal, include the rejection reason from this Funding Request Rejection Letter that is at the heart of your appeal. By pointing us to the exact words that give rise to your appeal, the SLD will be able to more readily understand and respond appropriately to your appeal. Please keep your letter brief and to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an original authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

Please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Appeals submitted by fax, phone call, and e-mail CANNOT be processed. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445-12th Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Further information regarding filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "How to Apply, Step-by-Step" area of the SLD web site <www.sl.universalservice.org>.

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